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New Year Communion

January 3, 2016

4 Choices • 1 Cor. 11:17-34 • Pre-Series Devotional

NOT JUST ANOTHER CHURCH • PRAY • JANUARY IS SPECIAL FOR US.

January Goals:

- Refresh our sense of mission (Sunday Messages)
 - Prepare ourselves for a new commitment (Sundays & Vision Dinner)
 - Draw new people into our family (LCC Basics & Core Groups)
- PLUS, I HAVE TO COME UP WITH A NEW WAY TO SAY THE SAME STUFF! • FOUR CHOICES

A New Year Communion

1 Corinthians 11:23-32 (p. 799)

Communion Lessons:

- THE BREAD: Jesus gave his **BODY** for our ransom.
 - THE JUICE/WINE: Jesus spilled his **BLOOD** for a new covenant.
 - THE TRADITION: Jesus is **COMING AGAIN**.
 - Eat unworthily, and you sin against "the **BODY** and **BLOOD**."
 - Eating properly means "**DISCERNING** the body of Christ."
 - There is a real threat of **JUDGMENT** to those who eat wrongly!
- SCARY! • SACRAMENTALISM • DEACONS ONLY • SPECIAL ELEMENTS • BAPTISM FIRST • CONFESS!

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DIVISIONS & FREE MEAL / INCONSIDERATE RICH PEOPLE!

The Lord's Supper was not intended to be a **SACRED RITUAL** but to be a **FAMILY MEAL!**

COMMUNION TWO WAYS AROUND HERE • BUT WHAT ABOUT SINNING AGAINST THE BODY!!

"Discerning the Body"

1 CORINTHIANS 10:16-17 • 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-13, 27

- Christians are **COLLECTIVELY** the body of Christ.
 - Communion is a **PARTICIPATION** in the body of Christ.
- IT'S SACRED BECAUSE IT IS COMMUNAL! • IT'S HOLY BECAUSE OF YOU!

Take it Home

Am I part of THE BODY?
Am I ready to be part of THIS BODY?



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